tion of backward/rural areas. The state Government offers a package of assistance including subsidy on fixed assets, deferment of Sales Tax etc, for entrepreneurs setting up industrial units in backward areas.The small Industries Corporation of Maharashtra (SICOM) is also offering financial, technical and other assistance to entrepreneurs for establishing industries.

(b) During the 7th Five Year Plan an amount of Rs. 1,256.55 lakhs was released to the government of Maharashtra as central capital assistance. Another Rs. 460.90 lakhs was released to the state for centrally aided projects during the same period.

(c) Government have announced policy measures for promoting and strengthening small industries which includes, among others, a scheme of Integrated Development (including technological back-up services) of small scale industries with the active participation of State Governments and financial institutions.

[*English*]

Chemical Industry in Orissa

6700. SHRI BRAJA KISHORE TRIPATHY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the proposal of the Government of Orissa pending with the Union Government for clearance in the field of Chemicals and Fertilizers;

(b) the time by which the proposals are proposed to be cleared;

(c) whether there is any proposal for setting up of a new chemical industry in Orissa during the Eighth Five Year Plan, and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS (DR. CHINTA MOHAN): (a) and (b). No, proposal from government of Orissa is pending for clearance in the field of Chemicals and Fertilizers.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

HPT In Kutch Area of Gujarat

6701. SHRI K. THULASAIAH VANDAYAR: Will the minister of INFORMATION & BROADCASTING be pleased to state the steps taken to set up a powerful TV relay centre in border areas of Kutch in Gujarat?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS) A high power (10KW) TV transmitter (in replacement of the existing low power transmitter) with its antennae mounted on a 300 M high RCC tower is under establishment at Bhuj in Kutch district of Gujarat. The work for this project was awarded in March, 1989 but was suspended by the contractor in Nov., 1989 after a geological fault was observed during the course of excavation of foundation. Revised location for the tower has been finalised and steps have been taken to award the work to another contractor. The required transmitter equipment has been procured . As per present indications, the project is envisaged to be completed during 1994-95.

[*Translation*]

Setting up of Small Scale Industries in backward areas by SC/ST

6702. SHRI RAJNATH SONKAR SHASTRI Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether some special arrangments for entrepreneures of scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes have been made by the Union Government/Various agencies of the Union Government like Khadi Gramodyog Commission to set up small scale industries in backward areas of the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF.P.J. KURIEN) (a) and (b) As far as KVI sector is concerned, some of its activities,such as village leather, non-edible oil;, seed collection, bee-keeping, fibre woollen khadi, weaving tassar silk etc. primarily benefit Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes. KVIC relatively pays more attention to hilly, border, backward, remote and inaccessible areas and has its regional offices in these areas to cater to the needs of hills and backward areas. KVIC is taking up special programmes in selected districts of the country with sizeable population of SC/ST.

Some of the specific steps include provision for 65% grant and 35% loan for purchase of machinery and equipment and 50% garant and 50% loan for construction of building, workshed, godown etc. for institutions having 100% SC/ST or working exclusively for SC/ST.

[*English*]

Declaration of Delhi as 'No industry Zone'

6703. SHRI RAJNATH SONKAR SHASTRI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Delhi has been declared a 'No Industry Zone ';

(b) if so, when was that decision taken;

(c) whether attention has been drawn to the advertisements appearing in the Hindustan Times of August 18, 1991 regarding setting up of industries in Delhi by some private entrepreneurs;

(d) the steps taken to see that these industries do not come up in Delhi but are persuaded to go to rural areas; and

(e) if not , reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF. P.J. KURIEN): (a) and (b). No, Sir. However, the Delhi Administration in the recent past has taken some steps to discourage multiplication of industrial units which are as follows:- (i) A decision was taken in 1987 that no Licence for setting up of medium and large scale industries in Delhi should be issued. Only non-plluting small scale industries are to be permitted. (ii) In 1989, a ceiling of 88 HP in small scale sector was imposed for the purpose of registration. (iii) Also in 1989, a decision was taken not to set up any new industrial Areas/Estates. (iv) In the non-conforming areas,SSI registration of hazardous/obnoxious/pollutant industries is not allowed.

(c) to (e). With regard to the two advertisements which appeared in the Hindustan Times on 18th August, 1991 for acquisition of Shed/Land, it may be stated that in the event of units proposing to set up units in the small scale sector, they would be permitted to do so within the parameters mentioned above.